

Tariff Bill Passes Senate By 48 to 25

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reported back from conference. Senator Lenroot has led on the Republican side in the effort to bring about more moderate rates. Senator Jones, of Washington, another prominent Republican, who has sometimes supported lower rates than those of the Finance Committee, subscribed to Senator Lenroot's utterances, though he did not specifically threaten to vote against the measure unless it is improved in conference.

Simmons Sees Enormous Toll
Senator Simmons, ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee, enumerated four items in the cotton schedule, a half dozen items in the wool schedule and the increase in sugar rates and said these alone would cost the consumers \$532,000,000. He believes the cost of the bill to consumers will run up \$2,000,000,000 or \$3,000,000,000.

On all hands, there is widespread speculation as to the political reaction which will follow on the enactment of the measure. Critics of the bill declare it will overwhelm the Republican party, down in their boots, fearful of its effects and apprehensive lest it increase the cost of living, and throw vast numbers of votes to the Democrats.

Features of the bill as it passed today are the flexible provisions giving the President power to raise or lower rates, the discarding of the

American valuation system of the House bill, the foreign-trade zone feature and the extremely high rates of the wool schedule. Through last-minute action, dutiable duties on coal tram tar dyed and chemicals are imposed, which, it is admitted on all hands, amounts to an embargo. In fact, so well satisfied were the advocates of a dye embargo with these rates that to-day they abandoned efforts to have the dye embargo extended.

Intense relief was evinced by Senators over final action on the bill and the ending of the long struggle. Leaders in the fight are almost worn out with it. Part of the time, while the bill has been before the Senate, there have been night sessions. In the course of the debate there have been miles of tariff speeches.

The final proceedings were marked by a hot skirmish of speeches. A feature was a "lecture" read to Republican colleagues who are unfriendly to the bill by Senator McCumber, chairman of the Finance Committee. In this he defended it in insisted the rates were low, measured in ad valorem. Aroused by an announcement of Senator Borah that he would vote against the bill unless the flexible features were thrown out, Senator McCumber said:

"I have no objections to any Senator selecting any political party, new or old, as his standard. I do not object to those who, while claiming to be protectionists, are, to my mind, far from being protectionists. That is a difference of opinion. They can have their views, and I will have mine."

"But I do get a little bit tired of those Senators who appear before the committee and insist on and request rates which the committee considers are unconscionable, and attempt to force them down the throats of the committee, coming up and complaining about rates being too high in other

schedules, when the rates, measured by the ad valorem, in many instances are nowhere near as high as those which they have advocated."

"Unable to Vote for It," Borah
"I am unable to vote for this bill as it goes to conference," added Senator Borah.

He expressed a desire that it would be improved in conference and said his own constituents could judge of his Republicanism. For himself, he believed that in voting for lower rates he had followed the true Republican principle. He charged that the rates in the bill were above the level of the measure of difference in production costs and meant the building of a wall which would make possible monopoly of the American market.

Senator Heflin, of Alabama, Democrat, warmly commended Senator Borah, "as a big, brave, able American." Senator Heflin warned the Republican leaders to listen to Senator Borah.

Most of the discussion revolved about the question of adopting the flexible tariff provisions of the bill agreed to in committee of the whole. These were finally adopted by a vote of 45 to 26.

Senator Lenroot in discussing the flexible provisions and upholding them denied that, as charged by Democratic Senators, they turned the taxing power over to the President. He said, however, he wanted them made more definite in conference so there will be "a fat legislative declaration that Congress fixes the rate within the limits prescribed as determined by the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad."

"I am going to vote for this bill, although I think there are many excessive rates in it," said Senator Lenroot. But he went on to say that if the excessive rates were not reduced in conference and the flexible features

were cut out, he would "exercise the right and the liberty of voting against it."

Senators breathed sighs of relief when Senator Sterling withdrew his amendment to extend the three-mile limit to six leagues for the purpose of combatting rum runners. He said negotiations were on with Great Britain to settle the matter by agreement.

A long series of reserved amendments was voted on in the course of the day. Effect of the voting generally was to sustain the Finance Committee and to modify the bill but little. Senator Smoot secured adoption of an amendment to the flexible provisions which requires but 15 days' notice instead of 60 days when the President raises or lowers rates on dyes and coal tar products.

Senator Lenroot forced a vote on a proposal to cut rates on wool fabrics from 5 to 10 per cent but was beaten 35 to 34. The committee rates were sustained.

Moses Against It
An amendment was adopted to prohibit the importation of products on which there are American-owned patents and trade-marks unless with the written consent of the American owner. It is aimed at imports of German dyes and coal-tar products. It was agreed to, 44 to 15. Senator Moses opposed the amendment.

The duties on straw hats were increased 10 per cent. In the last half hour of the voting on amendments a large number were unceremoniously swamped in a chorus of noes.

As soon as the bill passed Senator McCumber moved that the Senate insist on its amendments and asked a conference and that conference be named. This was adopted. Senators McCumber, Smoot and McLean, Republicans, and Simmons and Jones, of New Mexico, Democrats, were named.

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